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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Nomination of Herbert Scoville, Jr. for  
the National Civil Service League Awards

1. This memorandum transmits for your signature a letter nominating Herbert Scoville, Jr. for the 1962 National Civil Service League Awards.

2. The Career Council at its meeting on 30 November considered potential candidates for the League Awards and recommend that Herbert Scoville, Jr. be nominated as our candidate this year.

3. Present plans call for granting the League Awards on 13 March 1962, but nominations must be submitted no later than 1 December 1961.

  
Acting Director of Personnel

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Mr. Nicholas Kelley, President  
National Civil Service League  
115 Fifth Avenue  
New York 16, New York

Dear Mr. Kelley:

We are pleased to forward to you our nomination of Dr. Herbert Hoover, Jr. for the 1961 National Civil Service League Awards.

Dr. Hoover has made significant contributions to the mission of the Central Intelligence Agency and to the development of the United States defense research policy. We feel that his unusual competence, character, and achievements typify the highest principles of the public service and make him a fitting representative of the many outstanding career employees of the Federal Government.

In behalf of the Agency, I wish to commend and thank you and your colleagues in the League for your effective efforts to promote good government.

Sincerely,

*Via Air Mail Special Delivery*  
11/61  
Signed C. P. Cabell  
C. P. Cabell  
General, USAF  
Deputy Director

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**HERBERT SCOVILLE, JR.**  
**Central Intelligence Agency**

**A. BIOGRAPHICAL DATA**

**Title:** Assistant Director, SI    **Grade:** GS-16  
**Organization:** Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington 25, D. C.

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**Residence:**

**Birth:** May  
**Wife:** Ann  
**Children:**

**Education:** 1937 Yale University, B.S. degree  
1937-39 Cambridge University, Cambridge, England  
1942 University of Rochester, Rochester, New York  
Ph.D. in Physical Chemistry

**Government Service:** 13½ years

**B. SERVICE RECORD**

Dr. Scoville has spent over 13 years in Government service, the last 6 in the Central Intelligence Agency as the Assistant Director for Scientific Intelligence. During World War II and until 1948 he conducted chemical warfare and nuclear weapons research under research contracts sponsored by the National Defense Research Council and the Atomic Energy Commission. From 1948 - 1955 he was Technical Director of the Armed Forces Special Weapons Project (now the Defense Atomic Support Agency) with responsibility for weapons effects testing at field test sites. In addition, he is at present a consultant to the President's Science Advisory Committee and has served as a member of the Chemical Corps Advisory Council, the Committee on Nuclear Science of the National Research Council, the Scientific Advisory Board of the Department of the Air Force, and the Advisory Committee on Civil Defense of the National Research Council. In 1958 he was loaned to the State Department to become a member of the United States Delegation to the first Geneva Conference on the Suspension of Nuclear Testing. In recognition of his contributions, the Department of the Army conferred on Dr. Scoville its Commendation of Meritorious Service for his work in the nuclear weapons field and the Department of the Air Force presented him an official commendation for his service on its Scientific Advisory Board.

C. SUMMARY RESUME

Dr. Herbert Scoville, Jr. is nominated for recognition as one of the outstanding career employees in the Federal Service because of his leading role in the development of an effective United States scientific intelligence organization, his success in presenting scientific intelligence findings to the formulators of the United States National policy and defense research programs, and his earlier contributions to the gathering and interpretation of nuclear test data necessary for military planning of weapons usage.

DESCRIPTION OF DR. HERBERT SCOVILLE, JR. FOR CAREER SERVICE AWARD

Dr. Herbert Scoville, Jr. is one of the Assistant Directors of the Central Intelligence Agency. His 13 years in Government serving this Agency and previously the Department of Defense as Technical Director of the Armed Forces Special Weapons Project (AFSWP) are characterized by high motivation to public service, initiative, vision and drive. Through a combination of unique background, exceptional professional competence and leadership ability, he has made outstanding contributions to the scientific intelligence efforts of the United States at a time when these have had a critical impact on our national security.

Prior to joining the Central Intelligence Agency, Dr. Scoville, as Technical Director of AFSWP, was responsible for coordinating and directing the entire military test effort devoted to the development of the weapons-effects knowledge that would permit the use of nuclear weapons in military operations. Without risking exaggeration, it is possible to observe that Dr. Scoville was in the main responsible for guiding the orderly development of this nation's military nuclear ventures from its small weapons stage which characterized the period immediately following World War II through the era of multi-megaton, thermonuclear weapons of the mid - 1950's. Much of his time was spent at the field test sites in Nevada and the Pacific.

In the summer of 1955, Dr. Scoville joined the Central Intelligence Agency as Assistant Director for Scientific Intelligence and brought to that increasingly important branch of intelligence his outstanding qualities of personal leadership and substantive authority. In this role, he is responsible for advice and guidance on all matters pertaining to the scientific and technological capabilities of foreign nations. As a senior scientific intelligence officer close to the highest levels of the United States Government, Dr. Scoville has thus been intimately associated with the impact of foreign science on the military, political and economic programs of the United States. In meeting his challenging responsibilities he has consistently demonstrated remarkable administrative talents.

Because of his unique background and professional competence, Dr. Scoville's usefulness to the United States has in actuality extended beyond the role normally ascribed to intelligence. His presentations and carefully considered opinions have earned for him the respect of senior officials, a number of Congressional Committees, and leaders of industry. Because his opinions enjoy a high degree of confidence, his counsel has been sought on a number of occasions in connection with the framing of national policies.

Intelligence has moved into new fields in the past few years, including that of arms limitation. Here also Dr. Scoville was among the first participants and has taken a leading role in the development of technical facts which are critical to inspection and policing of agreements. On loan as a member of the United States Delegation to the Geneva Conference in 1958, he supported the front line negotiations. Since the first Geneva session he has continued his intimate association with the negotiations and is a regular participant in senior policy-level meetings in the United States. In the Geneva Conference on Prevention of Surprise Attack as well as current efforts to formulate United States policy in arms limitation he has likewise been an active participant. In furtherance of all these programs he has been instrumental in organizing appropriate staff elements within the intelligence community.

Although Dr. Scoville's normal work commitment is an exceptionally heavy one, he has nevertheless found time, through addresses to many official and civil groups, to do his part in increasing public awareness of the implications for the United States security of the tremendous progress of science and technology in the Communist countries. These have included the following Congressional Committees:

- Joint Committee on Atomic Energy (JCAE)
- Military Applications Subcommittee of JCAE
- Preparedness Investigating Subcommittee of Senate Armed Services Committee
- House Committee on Armed Services
- Defense Subcommittee of House Armed Services Committee
- Senate Measurement Subcommittee
- Senate and House Committee on Astronautics and Space Sciences

In addition, he has spoken before many other official and non-official organizations such as:

- The National War College
- The Naval War College
- The Air War College
- The National Space Council
- The General Advisory Committee of the Atomic Energy Commission
- Walter Reed Army Institute of Research
- The Foreign Service Institute of Department of State
- The Armed Forces Staff College

The President's Committee on Scientists and Engineers  
The National Electronics Conference, Chicago, Illinois  
The Council on Foreign Relations  
The Civil Defense Committee of New York  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
The Security Resources Panel of Office of Defense Mobilization  
(The Galtier Committee)